



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, January 26, 2025

ACTS – A Church Sent

God is Doing a New Thing - Acts 11:1-18

Read/Reflect

1. How did Peter's vision change his perspective on the Gentiles? How does the rest of the story in vv.11-17 affirm God's plan for the inclusion of Gentiles?
2. How did Peter respond to the vision? What can we learn from Peter's response?
3. Why did the circumcised believers criticize Peter for associating with Gentiles? How does Peter respond to their criticism?

Explore

1. What might be some biases or assumptions that sometimes get in the way of seeing God's plan in your life?
2. How did God reveal His plan for including the Gentiles through Cornelius and Peter? How can we be open to God's plans that might challenge our existing beliefs or practices?
3. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Gentiles in the same way as the Jewish believers?
4. How does Peter's statement in verse 17 challenge and teach us to trust God's plans? Are there areas in your life where God might be leading you to take a step of obedience despite not fully understanding His will?
5. Have you ever shared with others what God has done in your life? How did your sharing help others understand God's character and/or plans?

Pray

- What is the one take-away from this study that you could begin to live out this week?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you
 - to stay attentive to God's Spirit working in your life, in your life group, and at New Life.
 - to reveal any biases or false assumptions that might hinder you from seeing God's work in your life, in your life group, and at New Life.
 - to respond in obedience when God brings changes – even when it's unexpected and uncomfortable.